

A FAMOUS TEXAS UNIVERSITY

Whose Influence Has Long Been Felt Throughout the State.

A Review of the Development of the Georgetown University Under the Control of the Methodist Episcopal Church South—The Members of Its Faculty.

Georgetown, Tex., Feb. 14.—The church has ever been the friend and patron of learning. More than three-fourths of the colleges and universities of our country are under the auspices of the church. Born in a university, her founder and fatherly spirit for learning as well as for piety, it is best fitting that Methodism should bear a conspicuous part in the cause of education. Methodism and the spirit of education entered Texas almost simultaneously, for as early as in 1840 Haverhill college was chartered, which was a few months before the organization of the first conference in Texas. That college has proved to be a prolific source of Methodist schools and churches. Many school enterprises in the name of Methodism were projected in many portions of the state, most of them without due regard to the conditions of prosperity and perpetuity. The spasmodic system continued, however, until the fall of 1893, when under the inspiration of that wise and faithful friend of education, E. A. Moad, D. D., the several annual conferences of the M. E. Church South, within the state, adopted the plan and policy of concentrating their efforts upon the leading institution in the interests of higher education. This scheme resulted in the establishment of the Southwestern university, located at Georgetown, Dr. Moad, who has been such a conspicuous

of teaching and administration, and has proved to be most helpful in preparing students for the university course.

Commercial School. This school has grown out of the exigencies of the times to meet a pressing demand for a business course. Many cannot take a thorough college course, but wish a business education, and in connection with the commercial school takes certain important branches in the literary department. This school, under the efficient management of Prof. M. L. Mowrey, M. A., gives thorough training in book-keeping, penmanship, shorthand and stenography.

Theological Training. Aside from the academic course of the university, there is provision for a theological course under the instruction of Drs. Moad, Allen and others. This is most helpful instruction for young men preparing for the university, and gives them the benefit of the experience and wisdom of able and honored ministers, as well as familiarity with the doctrine and polity of the church. About sixty young men are enjoying this course of instruction.

Graduates. By the liberality of Mrs. A. M. Gladdings of Brenham, and the will of the several patronizing conferences, a commodious building with a system of col-

writing, and furnish a convenient and pleasant medium of printing college publications.

Senior Course. A most enjoyable and profitable feature in the lecture course. Aside from lectures from the several professors in their different departments, the students have enjoyed, and are enjoying, the services of the most eminent lecturers, along literary, scientific and religious lines, with a good sprinkling of wit and humor.

Members of the Faculty. I am indeed sorry that the space allotted for reviewing and commenting upon this institution is not sufficient for extended mention of each and all of the men connected with its molding, however, I shall as briefly as possible confine myself to the main points in their careers.

The Regent. Barring a few months of his infancy, Dr. Moad has been in the ministry of a Texas to the minor burn. He was reared in the eastern portion of the state near Marshall, in the midst of hardships and during. His educational advancement was good for his day and time, having received academic training in the schools of Marshall, Dallas, and in his sophomore year he entered McNeely college. Here he received the impress of that great and good man, Rev. J. W. P. McKendall, D. D., to whose instruction, example and influence, he owes much of the success and usefulness which have attended his life.

Having completed his collegiate course, he was employed as a teacher in his Alma Mater for two years. In 1869 he entered the active work of the ministry by joining the East Texas conference, which was a distinguished privilege, he remaining with what is now the North Texas conference.

In thirty-five years of ministerial life, Dr. Moad has had a varied experience, having served five terms as district agent, and having been appointed by the college of bishops on the committee to revise the hymn book, and is a delegate to the Ecumenical conference at Washington City. The doctorate was conferred by Centenary college, La., in 1890. Perhaps his most honored and conspicuous service has been in connection with the Southwestern University. In his present position as regent, he is highly esteemed and honored.

He was a professor in the Rock college, Dallas, and in 1875 was elected president of Martin college, at Waxahatchie, Tex. While there he determined to resume the ministry and was readmitted in the Northwest Texas conference, since then he has filled the following pulpits: Fort Worth, Doral, McKinney, Dallas, Hursey Grove, and also the Bonham district as presiding elder. While at Hursey Grove he was selected to fill the pulpit at Fort Worth, in 1881, since which time he has filled that position, and now fills also the chair of mental and moral philosophy in the university. He is an able minister, a successful pastor, and an efficient instructor. Under his administration the Ladies' Annex is enjoying a measure of prosperity unequalled in the past.

John R. Allen, D. D. John R. Allen, D. D., born in North Carolina, but his father, Rev. A. C. Allen, D. D., moved to Mississippi when he was but a year old. He went to Andover college at Newton, Mass., where he remained a year and a half. During this time he was licensed to preach, and while yet at college was selected to fill the pulpit at Storckville, Miss. After remaining to the close of the conference year here, he returned to

the Southwestern university, graduating with distinction in 1866, being the first to receive the A. M. degree from the university. After graduating he studied law and became a lawyer, and in 1870 he returned to the university, where he has since been a professor of modern languages in its alma mater, which position he has filled for thirteen years. Prof. Young is a man of high scholarship and wide range of knowledge.

Prof. R. A. Shands, A. M., Ph. D. Son of ex-Governor Shanks of Mississippi, and graduate from the university of Mississippi, fills the chair of English, language and literature. Dr. Shands is a man of high intellect, thorough scholarship and an excellent teacher.

Prof. R. A. Shands, A. M., Ph. D. Graduate of Emory college, Georgia, has filled for sixteen years the chair of mathematics. He is a man of most pleasing manners, business habits, and one of the most useful members of the faculty, and highly esteemed by the students. He is the son of Judge M. D. Cody, deceased, of Georgia. His father, a graduate from the university of Georgia, and distinguished for his mathematical attainments. Professor Cody is now in his 64th year, and in the fullness of his intellectual and physical strength, a cultured Christian gentleman, and efficient professor. In addition to his professional duties, he is secretary of the faculty and presides over Chidings hall.

Prof. R. S. Hyer, A. M. Of the school of natural science, is an honor graduate of Emory college, Georgia, of the class of 1880, this being his thirtieth year in the service of the university and the 25th of his age. He is by nature a highly gifted man, and has great versatility in many of the sciences, literature and handicraft. Taking great pride and pleasure in his profession, he has availed himself of a special course in Harvard university that he might be abreast of the latest in his line of instruction. His students honor and esteem him highly for his able and efficient instruction and his

uncommon balance of mind and equanimity, broad and thorough scholarship, of special training and experience in the coaching school work he is by nature and habit an efficient man for his position. He is a Tennesseean, a Christian gentleman, a scholar and teacher, a man to mould and shape the youth mentally, morally and socially for college life. In this, his first year, he is sustaining his high reputation won in his native state.

Prof. W. C. Vaden, A. M. Of Randolph-Macon college occupies the chair of Latin and Greek. He is

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Rev. W. M. Hayes, A. M. The financial agent of the Southwestern University, has just entered upon the important duty of securing funds for this institution. He is strong and vigorous in body, and has had considerable experience on the platform in raising money. I believe the impression abroad concerning him is that when he goes after money he gets it. With such an institution as this in his hands, with such an enlightened constituency as the Methodist church in Texas, he ought to succeed in raising the \$100,000 needed. His

the thirty-seventh year of his age, and is recognized as one of the most useful and acceptable members of the conference. His present ministerial charge has been greatly blessed and built up under his administration, and his great interest in young people, his happy facility in organizing and conducting these services, his sympathy with the work and interests of the university, have continued to make him a potent factor in the prosperity of the institution, especially in the promotion of its religious interests. He is a large and best organized Sunday school and Epworth League within the state. The present year he will be ably assisted and assisted by L. Nelson, one of the foremost men of the conference, who has filled the most conspicuous positions, and is yet in the prime of life, not having reached his 25th year. Messrs. Nelson and Nelson are fortunate in their predecessors.

Prof. A. S. Pegues, A. B. Is a graduate of Wafford college, South Carolina, and assists in the fitting school. He is a man of excellent family, of bright mind, cheerful nature, a lover of books, very painstaking and patient as a teacher, and is much loved by his pupils. By nature, by education, and by experience he is well fitted for his work and adds much to the interest of the department. He is in the morning of a useful manhood and bids fair to do honor to his profession.

Prof. G. C. White, A. B. Who also assists in the fitting school, was trained in the famous Webb school of Tennessee; taught in the same, and took a course in the Vanderbilt University. He is a man of solid

FOSTER'S WEATHER FORECASTS.

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St. Joseph, Mo., Feb. 16. My last bulletin gave forecasts of the storm wave to cross the continent from the 17th to 21st. A typographical error last week made the storm wave due in the Eastern states on the 24th; this is the correct date. The next disturbance will reach the Pacific coast about the 23d, cross the Western mountains by the close of the 25th, the great Central valleys from the 26th to 26th, and the Eastern states about the 27th.

This will be one of the most noted and severe storms of the year, and deserves special attention. Probably two entirely distinct disturbances will develop within the week of Feb. 23d to 26th, west of the Mississippi river, one of which I have described above and which will probably enter the continent between Vancouver's Island and the mouth of Columbia river about the 23d or 24d, move directly toward Kansas City, thence between the upper and lower lakes, near or north of Albany, N. Y., and then down the St. Lawrence river.

Causes that lead to destructive storms were similar February 21st to 25th, 1887, when tornadoes occurred in California, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana and West Virginia, causing great destruction of property.

We have no means of knowing where the tropical storm will be from Feb. 21st to 25th, but it will probably be within the Gulf of Mexico, or on some of its northern coasts. Usually the tropical storms of February are mild, causing heavy and long continued rains in the Gulf states, but this storm, wherever it may be, will come near developing the force of a hurricane.



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